

# National Environmental Standards

*National Environmental Standards (NESs)* are prepared by central government and can prescribe technical standards, methods (including rules) and/or other requirements for *environmental* matters throughout the whole country or specific areas. If an activity doesn't comply with an *NES*, it is likely to require a *resource consent*. *NESs* must be observed and enforced by local authorities. The following *NESs* are currently in force:

- Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry) Amendment Regulations 2023
- Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities) Regulations 2016
- Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2011
- Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009
- Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water) Regulations 2007
- Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 (amended 2011)